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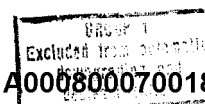
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Publication Policy for the R&D News Notes

1. This memorandum is to clarify the publication policy of the R&D News Notes because there have been inquiries to DED about the frequency of this publication.
2. When the R&D News Notes were initiated in 1968, the publication philosophy was that it not be a periodical -- that it should be published only when several significant R&D developments had occurred and which needed to be communicated to Center personnel. It was to be a means to an end -- not an end in itself.
3. At the time the publication was initiated, there was a 'back-log' of significant R&D events which were worthwhile communicating. Therefore, it was possible to publish a 'rapid-fire' series of News Notes -- almost every month. These publications were widely accepted as worthwhile documents -- for which their editor is to be commended. However, since recipients have been receiving the News Notes on almost a monthly basis for most of a year, the publication mistakenly became identified as a monthly periodical.
4. This 'back-log' of R&D developments, which had wide interest, has diminished, at least temporarily. This is to be expected since R&D accomplishments (of wide interest) do not occur on a frequent, periodic basis -- at least not on a monthly basis.
5. If we try to publish on a monthly, periodic basis, we will find ourselves publishing articles of less and less interest and of less viability. This would result in less acceptability of the publication and eventually would result in a deteriorating image of R&D at NPIC.
6. It is therefore, desirable to re-state the original publication policy -- to publish only when there are several developments which are in a significantly advanced state to be of interest to Center

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personnel. Work on the News Notes is not a principal job of the editor, and since it is a low priority assignment, it will be published as his time permits.

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